products have been placed on Open General Licence (OGL) and consequently the prices are determined by market forces.

(c) Ministry of Coal and Mines, Department of Mines have recommended reduction of customs duty on Aluminium to the Ministry of Finance.

General Managers/Directors working in same post for more than three years

†1068. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of different collieries where General Managers and Directors working at the same post/place for more than three years;

(b) whether Government have formulated any rules for the transfer of such General Managers and Directors;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the General Managers/Directors working at the same place for three years are likely to be transferred by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) None of the General Managers have been working at the same place for more than three years in any Colliery except Shri H.S. Gill, working in Western Jharia in BCCL who completed three years on 21.07.2000. CMDs/Directors are Presidential appointees and posted at Company Head Quarters only. There is no policy for transfer of Functional Directors. However, Functional Directors may be transferred to another subsidiaries by the Department due to administrative exigency.

(b) to (d) Coal India Limited has a well defined transfer policy. As per this policy the executives of M1 and above grades who are working for more than ten years in the same company and having more than two years for retirement are transferable. The transfer policy further stipulates that large scale transfer is to be avoided but

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

at least 10 per cent of executives covered by the criteria should be transferred each year. In order to effectively implement this transfer policy, a decision has been taken in the year 1998 to transfer 20 per cent of executives each year based on station seniority. As per the said policy, executives of M1 and above grades working in sensitive discipline are transferable from existing company on completion of five years.

As regards Directors (Board Level Appointee), they are Presidential appointee and appointed to a particular post. There is no laid-down policy for their transfer. However, Ministry of Coal and Mines is empowered to take a decision in any particular case on merit.

Illegal Trade of Coal

1069. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that illegal trade of Coal causing loss of Crores of Rupees to the exchequer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some State Governments also found in black marketing of Coal; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government against those State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Coal sales to the non-core sector are done by Coal India Limited (CIL) against linkages and sponsorships or under the open sales scheme. The subsidiaries of CIL have asked the State Governments concerned to verify the linkages and sponsorships. A number of steps have been taken to prevent illegal theft of coal through increased efforts by security agencies like CISF etc. deployed by the coal companies.

(c) No such facts have come to the knowledge of the Government.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.